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The Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trade Marks
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam.

In response to the above noted Office Action, I hereby amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A rot [preventer] protector for use with two intersecting portions of lumber, namely an upper portion of lumber and a lower portion of lumber, and comprising,

a elongated protector for attachment over the upper edge of a lower portion of lumber, the protector in turn comprising,

a flange overlying the upper edge of the portion

of the lumber extending partially over and from the upper edge of the

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